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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claim 22 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

Q. 23. (Amended) An image output method wherein an image reading apparatus, comprising reading means for reading an image to obtain image data representing the image and normalization processing condition determining means for determining a normalization processing condition for the image read by the reading means, outputs the image data to an image receiving apparatus; wherein, in addition to the image data, at least one of the normalization processing condition, reduced image data generated from the image data by the normalization processing condition